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**DETAILED ACTION**

The reply brief filed on August 23, 2006 has been entered and considered. However, no further response by the examiner is deemed necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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